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Part B for July 1926.

SUBJECT.

Proposal of Mr. V. Hunckavelu Mudaliar for the development of ~~Mining~~ Mining of Manganese ore of all grades in the Shimoga & Chitaldrug Districts.

M. A. Rahman
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FILE HEADING.

Proposal of Mr. V. Manickavelu Mudr. for the development of mining of Chrome & Manganese ore of all grades in the Shemoga & Chitz. Distts.

From

The Offg: Dir. of Geol.

No. C. 13 Dated 11.4.26 Received 16.6.26.

Diary No. 5-348	Enclos.	Spare Copies.	Serial No. 2

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Forwards copy of Mr. Manickavelu Mudr's letter in the matter of his proposal for the development of mining Manganese ore of all grades in the Shemoga & Chitz. Distts.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

1) Mr. Manickavelu Mudr's scheme for the development of mining of Manganese of all grades in the 2 districts of Shemoga & Chitz. are summarised in para 3 of the Director's letter. His offer to Govt. in exchange are detailed in para 4.

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The Dir. is not in favour of the requests of the party including the grant of a M.L. for (Vide para 7; 8, 9, 10 & 11). As regards the grant of monopoly the Dir. suggests that applications for such a scheme should be invited from amongst the mining public.

i) The report promised in para 13 has to be awaited.

3) on a previous occasion one Annamalai had applied for the grant of an exploring licence over the whole Taluk of Chemarajapatna, which was not granted by Govt. This reference has been sent to the P.S.D. another reference from Mr. V. M. Muda a while (Dy. No. 6065).

4) for orders.

20. 1574/26. The Dir's letter deals fully with all the aspects of the present request of Mr V. M. Mudaliar — In its present form, the request does not at all seem acceptable —

Rsar 1) 1st Member

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7) This may be submitted with the file cont'g the ~~Council~~ opinion of the Council on the subject when it was received recently.

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WP 19/4

8) The other file cont'g the Council's resolution is also laid. with a draft answer orders of the Hon'ble

9) Keep ~~the~~ × the 2 files, & consult the returns of the file ref'd. to above. Orders.

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" 13-25 (Limited)

30 22/4/26 VS

10) Yes - as soon as it is received back, the WP 23/4 files may be put up

11) The file ref'd. to (in para 7 above) cont'g. the opinion of the Council and the Comm'n made to the Govt. in accordance with the same (opinion) is laid (Estt. 96-25) VS

I & J

26.4.26

12) Finish W)

WP 26/4

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13) There was another comm'n since received from Mr T: that ~~Govt~~ guarantees a minimum outturn of 2000 tons of the raw fibre in months for cultivation. This may be put up

2 29/4

WP 29/4

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Refer :— Para 13 of 2nd Rep.

14) The Communication noted. It was sub. to First Member on 26.6.26 with D. No. 6-5-32-25.

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Returned by the P.A. 11/7/26

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Secretary's minute.

1&) "To see Rebd. with previous references."

(Sd) K. R. S.
26.6.26.

19) Rebd.

20) The copy of the Annual note in regard to the mineral policy of the State (in respect of manganese + chrome) is flagged O.

Subd for formal orders.

I M) WP 26/4

21) Mr. M. Mudaliar may be asked to intimate what rate of royalty he would be prepared to pay on the minimum quantity of 20,000 tons which he undertakes to ship in the event of his being given an monopoly over the whole of the C. portion of reserves shown

22) Copy to be sent to Mr. Mudaliar with a week

WP 1/5 — 1) 5- — h.

23) Draft subd. for attn

WP 3/5-

24) Issue at once

WP 4/5

6) To,
Messrs Ramiswami Mudr & Sons.
No. 2633 M. 4/5/26

Enquires what percentage of royalty Govt. may expect on the minimum quantity of 20,000 tons of ore if they are granted monopoly over the Chamarajapatna

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7 From Messrs: Manickavelu Mudaliar & Sons.

Letter dt 10.5.26

stating that they are prepared to guarantee a sum of Rs. 15,000/- per annum as royalty in case Govt. can levy at the rate of 0-6-0 per ton on low grade manganese 45 & below & as at 0-12-0 on high grade ore above 45 units.

8 From —do—

Letter dt 11.5.26.

stating that they will complete the proposed rail or tramway within 2 years from the date of sanction & that the guaranteed royalty should take effect from the date the rail or tramway is certified to be fit for transport of ore.

Ref:— Member's minute - Para 21 of note - page 6.

25/ Govt. agree to Messrs Manickavelu Mudaliar guaranteeing a royalty of Rs. 15,000/- in case the rates are fixed as follows:—

1) 0-6-0 per ton on low grade ore (45 units & below)

& 2) 0-12-0 " high grade ore (over 45 units).

& states that this payment should

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take effect after the said railway lee is going to complete in 2 years is declared fit for transport purpose.

26) A spare copy of G.O. reducing the rates of royalty recently issued is put up for reference.

27) The present rate of royalty on high grade ore about Rs 1-4-0 per ton is Rs. 1-4-0 per ton.

28) For orders.

12/5/26. (Rev Sec'y)

29) 1st Member

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30) Information on the following points may be furnished:-

Are the rates of royalty charged for manganese and chrome the same? Mr. Manickavelu Mudaliar's proposal to guarantee a minimum royalty of Rs 15,000 per annum is conditional upon the rates now charged under the Mining Leases held by him being uniformly reduced to twelve annas per ton on high grade ore -- over 45 units -- and six annas per ton on low grade ore -- 45 units and below. Is it allowable to revise the rates fixed in Mining Leases already granted?

31). Certain revised rates of royalty are notified in G.O. dated 23rd March 1926. Do these rates apply only to ~~xxxx~~ licenses and leases allowed

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allowed subsequent to the date of the order or also to those issued prior to that date?

32) The guarantee of a minimum royalty of Rs 15,000 offered by Mr. Manickavelu Mudaliar is also conditional upon his being permitted to construct a railway or tramway from his mines to the nearest Railway Station. In one of his letters he states that he made a proposal five years ago to construct his own railway and that the question was referred to the Railway Agent. Please let me know how this question was settled.

Pleau put up 28/5

33) He has asked for monopoly rights over wide areas for mining for manganese and his proposals do not appear to be acceptable for reasons stated by the Director in his letter dated 11th April 1926.

Mud 28/5/26

WDP 29/5

Cypher 29/5

34). Paras 30:—

Ratio of royalty on — Per ton

(a) Low grade manganese (conts. not more than 44%) — Rs. A. 0-6-0

(b) High grade (i.e. ~~above 44 per cent ratios~~ above 44 p.c.) — 1-4-0

(c) Chrome — 1-8-0

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under rule 57 of the Mineral Rules the ratio of royalty are liable to alteration from time to time, but due notice of it should be

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Seems to be no provision in the Rules to allow a rate of royalty in individual case other than that published in the Gazette. At present the general rate approved by the Govt + published in the Gazette in the case of all licences + leases.

35) Proposals on this point + to give effect to the order of Govt dated 1926 from 1.4.26 have been separately received from the Dir. of Rev + Stats. Under Rule 51, the reduced rates apply to all licenses + leases current whether issued prior or subsequent to the notifn.

Where in this file this rate is first mentioned

Para 32:-

36) File on the subject (Rev. dep. 71 of 22-23) put up. Since Govt. V. Ba. Ramchandra Mudaliar died not interview the agent. Inspre Rys. the papers were ordered to be filed.

Immediate

1/6/26.

37) There was another communication received from Mr M. Velu Moodaliar yesterday. Please put up at once.

UP 2/6

38) The file referred to in para 35 has been submitted to Govt. + the present communication ordered to be submitted to the Member (para 37) is put up herewith.

(D. 6014) 1/6

P.M.J

2/6/26

39) In the present letter dated 1st June Mr V.M. Moodaliar states that his previous letter of the 10th may 1926 may be treated as cancelled. It was in that letter that he had asked for reduced rates of royalty.

40) Submitted for perusal + orders. (Refer Secretary's minute above)

R. Secy

UP 2/6

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41) Reference is invited to the minutes of the meeting, Paras 30 to 33.

Para 30 The rates of royalty on manganese and chrome are given below.

Mr Manickavelu mudaliar has since written to say that his letter of the 6th may maybe regarded as cancelled. He apparently does not require any concession in respect of royalty

42) Para 31.

This matter is not free from doubt as the wording of the order is unfortunately ~~obscure~~ ambiguous. ~~No definite opinion can be given~~. The Director has apparently extended the concession only to new leases and in the case of the working lease from Co. to fresh areas sanctioned to them. I have been asked to discuss this subject with the member. I shall take up the file to Trichinopoly at Mysore.

Para 32.

43) Mr M. mudaliar maybe ~~also~~ asked to explain in detail what are the concessions he wants regarding the Tramway. His proposals may then be forwarded to the Rly dept—. He omitted to see the Agent on a former occasion when the matter was discussed.

Mr mudaliar apparently wants permission to work the Bairabur deposit and he offers to put up a tramway. If this is given

~~The Director~~

2nd member)

12.6.26

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44) The requests of Messrs V.Manickavelu & Son are the following:-

(1) Grant of an exploring license with preferential rights for the whole of Hassan District or in the alternative a preferential right for ~~mixx~~ mining leases within a raidum of 15 miles round Bhaktarhalli Mine.

(2) Permission to construct a 2'-0" or 2'-6" tramway line from Jambur to Tiptur, a distance of about 22 miles.

(3) Grant of a mining lease for manganese over Masarhalli area in the Shimoga ~~T~~aluk.

(vide their letter dated 26th March 26)

and (4) Grant of a monopoly in the Districts of Chitaldrug and Shimoga for a period of 3 years for developing the mining of low grade manganese ores: (vide their letter dated 29th March 1926 to the Director of Geology.)

45) Request No. (1) cannot be complied with as the area ~~for~~ which the rights are asked for is too wide and as even the narrower area of 15 miles round ~~about~~ Bhaktarhalli Mine includes, I think, the Byrapur block for which there is x very keen demand.

46) I am not sure if the Firm is prepared to construct a tramway line for working only ~~their~~ its present mining leases. It apparently wants monopoly rights over a ~~xxx~~ much wider area to make it worth while to have its own tramway. Its offer of a royalty of Rs 15,000 on a minimum quantity

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quantity of 20,000 tons chrome and that of constructing a tramway line both appear to depend upon its being given a monopoly right over the Chennarayapatna ~~area~~ taluk: vide para 2 of the Firm's letter dated 1st June 1926. If the Firm is prepared to construct a tramway of its own for working its existing mining leases, its proposal may be considered. The Firm was requested in 1922 to discuss this subject with the Agent, Mysore Railways: but it does not appear to have interviewed that officer. The attention of the Firm may now be invited to the old correspondence on this subject: vide Railway Secretary's letter dated 25th July 1922.

4) As regards request No.(3), mining leases are not now being granted for working manganese ores. The Firm apparently wants a mining lease for the long period of 30 years. The question of amending the existing rules with a view to encourage investment of adequate capital in mining operations by increasing the period of prospecting licenses and by allowing mining leases for a shorter period than 30 years to holders of prospecting licenses is separately under consideration. Final orders on this request may await the decision of the general question. If as represented by the Firm, there is a large demand for low grade ore, it is necessary to make the conditions of working less rigorous with a view to both permit mining developments

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developments and also to increase the revenue of Government.

(48) It is not possible to comply with the fourth request for reasons explained at length in the Director's letter dated 11th April 1926.

Devan

Merk 6/7/26

GRo

WDP 7/7/26

(49) I agree

Let us wait & see how far the arrangements we are proposing for the working of the Byrapur block is a success.

JM 17.7.26

(50) Submitted for Perusal

GRo 17.7.26.

2nd member)

WDP 17/7/26

Merk 20/7/26 WDP 20/7

(51) may the file be kept in this title finally orders re working of Byrapur block is are passed. for orders.

20/7/26. (52) In view of the fact that Mr V. Manickavelu Mood will be on the management, in the proposed scheme of working the Byrapur block, no reply to him seems necessary, with ref to his application to the Govt.

(53) These papers may perhaps be removed

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R Sec'y) 26/7.

52) Yes

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Manickavelu Mansion,
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Bangalore, 26th March 1926.

To
Sir Albion R. Bannerji, K.C.I.E., C.S.I.,
Dewan of Mysore,
B A N G A L O R E.

Sir,

I entreat your kind permission to submit for your favourable consideration and very early orders certain representations regarding my Mining interests in the State. The representations herein have been made several times before both to Government and the Department of Geology, but so far to little purpose - and in now approaching you I am emboldened by the fact that my Mines and their development and progress have been inspected with satisfaction by the Mining Member of Council, and the Government Chief Inspector of Mines and the Directors of the Geology and the Industries Departments all of whom have expressed themselves willing to do their utmost to help my enterprise in every way.

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xc
+ 95-13
1. 15-17-21

1. My chief concern now is the further development of my Bhaktarhalli Mine (Lease No.159) and the other leases Chikkonahalli (No.158) and Jambur (No.160) all of which have been developed already during the past 12 years but still require further considerable development towards success-. All Mining is mere speculation and it is essential to secure

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secure for success in it a large area wherein to work for ore and expand the industry both in the interests of the Miner and the Government. Recognising this principle the Government in the past granted the first applicant for the Kolar Mines (Mr. M. F. Lavelle) the whole of the Kolar District to Explore with guarantee of obtaining Leases of ten Blocks within it. Quite recently, the Workington Steel Co., have in view of their successful work and to assure them of an expansion of their Industry been granted preferential rights over a radius of 13 miles round their present Blocks and 2 more Blocks have also been granted them in addition within the past few months all of which have enabled them to prosecute their operations with confidence and without stint,. I feel sure that my efforts single handed to develop the Bhaktarhalli Mine (in addition to my efforts to develop other industries in the State, the Mahalakshmi Woollen Mills Co, Ltd., The Mysore Industrial Bank, Ltd.,) will be conceded to be at least on a par with those of the Workington Steel Co. What I therefore now ask for is that I may be granted an Exploring License over the whole of the Hassan District with a preferential right to all Leases for Minera. Areas therein. Should this be deemed to be either too large or too liberal I would beg that as in the case of the Workington Co., I may be granted a preferential claim for Leases within a radius of 15

miles

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round my Bhaktharhalli Lease No.159. The chief object in this request is not only to avoid unfair and unwholesome competition in the Industry but also to create transport facilities on a large scale which requires considerable expenditure and one cannot see his way to it unless one is assured of large areas to collect transport material enough to lay out a Railway.

Ref 52-21 & 16 a 15

I may here state that my application to Government for this concession was made 8 years ago and is still awaiting orders and in hopes of acquiring sanction I have also acquired surface rights over large areas of private lands around my Mining Blocks.

2, The next point I have to urge before you is the grant to me of facilities for transport of Ore. The present system of transport by Carts is simply wasteful of Ore and expenditure owing to long distance between the Mines centre and the Railway Station (about 16 to 22 Miles) and entails considerable difficulty in making large consignments enough to meet promptly demand for large quantities of Ore. It is not possible to rely upon carts and Cartmen for this purpose. It is absolutely essential in a big concern like Mining that there should be easy means of transport. Recognising this need I applied five years ago for permission to lay a narrow gauge or Light Railway 2'-6" from Jambur to Tiptur, and even offered to increase the gauge

consistently

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consistently with the M. S. M. Gauge. The question was referred to the Railway Agent and Secretary, but it has not advanced a single step forward and is still considerably hampering my business (and Government interests also). The Government have at their own expense favoured the Kolar Mines with a Government Railway. The Workington Steel Co., have been granted permission to lay their own Steam Tramway to carry their Ore to Shimoga and there can be no serious objection to grant me a similar permission in respect of my Mines at my own cost. I have during the past year opened a Depot in Marmugao for the storage and sale of my Ores and a Railway transport facility such as I am aksing for would be a considerable help to me in many ways. My idea is to lay a 2' Tramline from my Mine to Tiptur or Konehalli between the Road and the Avenue trees so as not to interfere with the Main Road as there is enough of margin between it and the trees. In fact in the course of a talk with the Chief Engineer this Officer observed there could be no objection to it.

3. A third request which I would also prefer on this occasion is the grant to me of a Mining Lease for Manganese over the Masarhalli Area in the Shimoga Taluk (Old P.L.No.372). I was the first applicant for a lease of this Block, having acquired the prospecting rights from the owner by purchase, but Government decided at the time of my

application

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application to bring it within a reserve area in the interests of the Bhadravathi Iron Works. The Government have however done nothing in this matter up to date to develop the Block. I am prepared to develop the Block immediately a Lease is granted to me and exhibit its possibilities in any direction whichbthe Government may require it to serve for Bhadravathi.

I may add that my idea in now applying for Manganese Areas is to see if I cannot create a demand for the large quantities (millions of tons) of low grade ore in which the country abounds and which has not been developed in the past at all although several licenses were issued,. My present Chrome Buyers are enquiring for 50,000 Tons per annum of low grade Manganese and my idea is first to develop the Masarhalli Block and see how the low grade ore fares in the market. If it proves attractive I feel confident I can do a lot for our low grade Ore.

4, In brief my present request is -

(1) for the grant of an Exploring License with preferential rights over the whole of the Hassan District or in the alternative a preferential right for Mining Leases within a radius of 15 miles round my Bhaktharhalli Mine.

(2) for permission to lay a 2 or $2\frac{1}{2}$ feet Steam Tramway Line

and

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and connect all my Mining centres with the existing Railway system of Government.

(3) for the grant of a Mining Lease for Manganese over the Masrahalli area in the Shimoga Taluk.

It is unnecessary for me to trouble you at this stage with statistics of output, Royalties etc,m available in Government Records and I feel sure that the vast sums I have already invested in my Mining business, the lakhs of tons of Ore already exported by me, the large sums I have already paid to Government in rents and Royalties and the success I have achieved in starting other Industrial Concerns, (Bank & Woollen Mills) all by my own unaided exertions, and the free service that I and my son have thus been rendering to the Country for general good, will assure Government of my bona fides and give me a fair and just claim to the concessions I am asking for.

In conclusion in view of your approaching retirement already announced in the papers, which disheartens me considerably, I would respectfully beg your immediate consideration of my prayers to assure me of a promising future in all my Mining Enterprise.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

V. Manickavelu Mudaliar

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Confidential.

Camp, Kadakola.
Dated, Bangalore, 11th April 1926.

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INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE
BRANCH.

From

A. M. SEN, Esq., M.Sc., F.G.S, Etc.,
Offg. Director, Mysore Geological Department.

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To

B. Srinivasa Iyengar, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of His
Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Revenue Department.

Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith for the information and orders of Government a copy of a letter dated 29th March 1926, from Mr. V.Manickavelu Mudaliar of Palace Road, Bangalore.

2. In this letter Mr. Manickavelu Mudaliar has submitted a proposition for the development of the Mining of manganese ores of all grades in the Shimoga and Chital-drug Districts of the State. He says that he has received a demand from some Belgian Company and German Markets for a regular supply of 50,000 tons per annum of low grade manganese ore.

3. In order to meet this heavy demand, he has submitted a scheme of work, asking for the following concessions:-

(1) that he should be granted a monopoly over the districts of Shimoga and Chitaldrug for a period of 3 years in respect of all areas free at present;

(2) that he should be granted a protection from competition and no more licenses are to be granted in these two districts;

(3) that renewals of existing prospecting licenses should be refused where the work done is not satisfactory;

(4) that he should be permitted to work on all areas selected by him;

(5) that he is to be exempted from payment of the usual rents

rents and cesses and royalties for the period of three years.

4 If the above concessions are granted to him by Government then he offers in exchange

1. a guaranteed output of 50,000 tons during the period of three years;

2. payment to Government of one-third of net profits.

5 After the period of 3 years, should Government be satisfied with the output and their share of profits, Mr.Manickavelu Mudaliar should be granted Mining Leases over the areas selected by him for a period of 30 years with option of a renewal for another term of 30 years free of all taxes, rents and royalties but with a share of 33% of profits to Government.

6 According to Mr.Manickavelu Mudaliar's statement in the first para of his letter, the European Markets have a demand for a regular supply of 50,000 tons of low grade manganese ore per year; whereas he himself offers to work out 50,000 tons in 3 years or about 17,000 tons per year. The concessions asked for to get such an output have already been stated and I beg to submit a few observations regarding them as some of these appear to me to be quite extra-ordinary and disadvantageous to Government from financial point of view.

7 As to (1) & (2), he asks for monopoly and protection in the Shimoga and Chitaldrug Districts in the present free areas. Some difficulty may be anticipated in the Shimoga District where the United Steel Co.,of Shimoga (The Workington Iron and Steel Branch) claim a preferential right for manganese in the country enclosed in a circle of 13 miles radius round Aiyanur. I am not sure if this claim is legally valid according to the terms offered by Government to the Company some years back; but it has to be settled and decided by Government with the help of legal advice before any other party is permitted to have manganese concessions in this area.

8. Then there are some areas reserved by Government for the Bhadravati Iron Works and these should also be excluded from the concession prayed for.

(3) - This already provided for in the rules and such refusal is at the entire discretion of Government.

(4) - If he is permitted to work on all free areas selected by him in the two districts (if the concession is granted by Government), the result would be that he would work out all the eyes from every available deposit and leave the low grade ore untouched. This would mean a less systematic method of working and the areas would be depleted of all good ores at the begining. Working in smaller areas, which is the present custom, is always desirable for a complete and systematic mining of the minerals available in these localities.

(5) - This concession is in my opinion most harmful to the interests of Government, as he wants to be exempted from payment of the usual rents and cesses and even royalties. These items bring in some revenue at least, whereas the participation of one-third of net profits is a most uncertain factor. The profits may vary from nothing to even Rs. 10/- or so per ton; so a share in profit may mean no revenue or some revenue to Government and as such I do not see my way to recommend acceptance of terms, which would make the Government lose all rents, cesses and royalties, however small these may be compared with the share of profits, for which Mr. Manickavelu Mudaliar has held out such high hopes which may or may not be realised.

9. If however Mr. Manickavelu Mudaliar had offered a minimum amount per ton of output, with a less share of profit, say 25%, then this concession asked for might have taken a different aspect.

10. As to the Mining Lease for 30 years over areas to be selected by him , with option of reneval for another term of 30 years, free of all rents, cesses and royalties but only with a share of 33% of profits, my views are the same as for the concessions asked for 3 years, and I do not see my way to recommend the grant of such mining lease under the above conditions.

11. Mr. Manickavelu Mudaliar has asked for monopoly and protection over two districts with concessions which do not appear to be of financial

financial advantage to Government. Monopoly has its advantages as well as disadvantages; the advantages are on the side of the party who gets the monopoly and earns the profits, while others working outside such a trust would have to suffer in as much as the monopolist would corner the articles of commodity and dictate his own price underselling or overselling them as opportunity arises. This would under certain circumstances bring in more profit, which would benefit the Government to the proportion of its share; but such a monopoly might be detrimental to the interests of other parties who already hold manganese concessions in the State.

12. Even if the Government is agreeable to grant such a monopoly as prayed for by the present applicant, I do not see any reason why applications for such a scheme should not be openly invited from amongst the mining public, some of whom might be willing to offer better and more advantageous terms to Government than those now offered by Mr. Manickavelu Mudaliar.

13. As regards the offer of the Belgian Company, nothing more is known at present except what has been stated by Mr. Manickavelu Mudaliar; I intend to make further enquiries in the matter, the results of which will be communicated to Government in due Course.

14 With these observations I beg to submit a copy of the application of Mr. Manickavelu Mudaliar, to Government for their kind consideration and necessary Orders.

I have the honour to be,
sir,
Your most obedient servant,

A. Fuchs

Offg: Director,
Mysore Geological Department.

Copy of the letter dated 29th march 1926, from Mr. V. Manickavelu Mudaliar, of Palace Road, Bangalore, to the Director, Mysore Geological Department.

I have the honour to submit for the information of Government that I have now a demand from the Belgian Company and German Markets for a regular supply of 50,000 tons per annum of low grade manganese ore which is available in the State in millions of tons and this seems to me an excellent oppertunity for developing it if only the Government are prepared to give me some facilities which costs them nothing but will, I am confident, assure them of a very handsome return.

2. My proposal is to start with the Chitaldrug and Shimoga districts over areas that are now free and at the disposal of Government except for a few licenses held by the Workington Co., and the Peninsular Co., and some others. If the Government will be pleased not to grant any more licenses in these districts and refuse renewals of existing prospecting licenses under which no work has been done and to permit me to select and work on some of the areas to be selected by me for a period of 3 years free of all rents, royalties, and all other State taxes, I undertake on my part to work them entirely at my own expense and show an output of at least 50,000 tons during that period and offer to grant a consideration of one-third of the net profits which may accrue to me in the business, which I feel sure will cover at least twice over what Government can hope to get under Royalties and other State Taxes during the said period under existing rules.

3, Should Government be satisfied with the result of my operations as above re output of 50,000 tons before the completion of three years and their share of one-third profits amounts to double the amount of thier usual revenue, then the Government should grant me Mining Lease over these areas for a period of 30 years with option of renewal for the same period

free of all State Taxes and Royalties with a share of one-third of profit in the Leases.

4 It ought to be an essential condition in the business that with a view to avoid unwholesome competition and to secure the full benefit of the concession the Government should absolutely decline to grant more licenses in the two districts and also refuse renewal of existing licenses where no operations are carried on. This is necessary to secure as large an area as possible for my exploration work.

5 I trust the Government will realise that in making the above offer I am undertaking a serious risk involving a huge expenditure of money with the interest of Government as much at heart as my own interests.

6 I need hardly point out that to take full advantage of the present demand very early orders should be passed on this application.

7. I would add that a representative of the Belgian Company has been here lately and visited all the manganese mines in the State and should Government delay the matter an excellent chance of marketing our low grade ore will go away elsewhere and the Government will have to lose an appreciable permanent revenue income to the State if we do not take advantage of the presence of the representative in India.

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A. M. Lewis

Offg: Director,
Mysore Geological Department.

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Manickavelu Mansion,
PALACE ROAD,

Bangalore, 16th April. 1926.

Forwarded with compts to the Chief Secretary for favour of including in the file. Copy of reply is also appended for submission to Hr member. Bio. Member I/C 18/4/26 Sr. P.S.D 19/4

To

Sir Albion R. Bannerji, K.C.I.E., C.S.I.,
Dewan of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to my application of the 26th March 1926 I would beg to represent that just now there is a representative from New York demanding 20,000 Tons of low grade Chrome Ore for furnace lining.

I have now large quantity of such Ore lying in my Chikkona Halli and Jambur Blocks, but which I cannot think of transporting without the facility of a Railway over the long lead of 22 Miles to the nearest Railway Station. For this reason I am unable to enter into a Contract with the Representative. On these Blocks the Government are for the past five years getting but the bare rent of thousand five hundred Rupees per annum, whereas if I get the advantage of a Railway the Government would be assured of a large Royalty.

Also, if the Government thinks 15 Miles Radius too much I would ask such preferential rights being granted over at least the Chennarayapatna Taluk.

As I have to spend eight Lakhs of Rupees over the Railway of twentytwo

Miles

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Miles from Jambur to Tiptur which will yield a large Revenue in Royalty to Government, it is very necessary I should be favoured with very early orders..

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

V. Manickavelu Mudaliar & Son

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Routine Notes.

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"Ballabrooie"
BANGALORE.

D.O. 156 18th April 1926.

Dear Mr. Manickaveloo,

The Dewan has received your letter of the 16th April regarding permission for constructing a tramway between your Chikkanahalli and the Jambur blocks and the nearest railway station and certain concession for preferential rights over the Channarayapatna taluk. I am desired to say in reply that the matter is now before Government and I am to suggest your seeing the First Member of Council personally about it.

Yours sincerely,

For perusal before issue

Letter in original with copy sent to Chief Secy 17/4/26.

N.B.—Should routine notes be written on small slips, the notes must be copied, or slips pasted on this form

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GEN. & REV. SECTT. 26 APR 1926 INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE BRANCH

"Manickavelu Mansion,
PALACE ROAD,

Bangalore, 24th April 1926.

Dear Sir,

With reference to our interview on the 22nd instant in respect of my applications for certain Mining and transport facilities, I now write to confirm the following offers by me in return for the concessions I have sought for.

(1) If the Government grant me the preferential right at least over the Chennarayapatna Taluk, I am prepared to guarantee to them the Royalty on a minimum sale of 20,000 Tons per Annum like Workington Steel Co., Ltd. But if there is any objection to grant me such right, it is enough if Government direct that no others are granted Blocks in that area and I am saved all unwholesome competition. In this latter case however I cannot naturally undertake to give any guarantee within the limited area of my present three Blocks.

(2) With regard to the permission for putting up a Tram or Railway Line the necessity for which I feel sure the Government realize, I am confident that with such quick and easy means of transport my sales will increase three or four fold and the Royalty to Government also increase proportionately, but I can assure Government of a minimum sale of 20,000 Tons per annum. And I would here represent that along my proposed Railway Line no others than myself hold any Mining areas at present.

In conclusion I would beg you to remember that for the large expendi-ture of about Eight Lakhs I have to invest on the Railway or Tramway I must

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hold a large area to work in without restrictions or unwholesome competitior and all that I ask for is what has been actually granted to the Workington Company, to whom the Government have lately conceded even a reduced rate of Royalty on their Ore.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Dewan so that he may know a once what my final terms are with reference to my applications.

Yours sincerely,

V. Manickavelu Mudaliar

K. R. Srinivasa Iyengar, Esq., M.A.,
1st Member of Council,
BANGALORE.

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To

Messrs: V. Manickavelu Mudaliar & Son,
Labaee Road,
Bangalore.

Date of issue 4/5/1926

Signed by Mr Venkatasubbaiah

Gentlemen,

With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter dated 24.4.26 I am directed to request you to state what scale of royalty you are prepared to pay on the minimum quantity of 20,000 tons of chrome ~~you are prepared~~ to be sold in any year ~~guarantee~~ in the event of your being given a monopoly

in regard to obtain Mining & Transport facilities.

List of enclosures.....

Copied by.....

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over the whole of Chamarajapatna
Taluk ~~as requested by Govt~~.

The favour of an early reply
within a week is requested.

Yours faithfully

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"Manickavelu Mansion,
PALACE ROAD,
Bangalore, 10th May 1926.

G. D. REGISTRY
11 MAY 1926

GEN. SECRETARIAT
11 MAY 1926
INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE BRANCH.

To
The Secretary to the Government of H.H.
The Maharaja of Mysore.,
Revenue Department,
BANGALORE.

Sir,

In reply to your letter No.LC7633/Geol.133-25-6 dated 4th May 1926 (received by me on the 5th instant) I have the honour to request that you will be good enough to permit me first of all to impress the following facts on the attention of Government:-

(1) I now hold three Mining Leases as follows:-

(a) Bhaktarhalli Lease No.158 - High Grade Ore with Royalty payable at Twelve Annas per ton. The Royalty now being paid by me on this Block since the grant of the Lease averages Rs.5000/- per annum.

(b) Jambur (Lease No.160) and Chekkonahalli (Lease No.159) - Low Grade Ore with Royalty payable at One Rupee per ton. From these Blocks several thousand tons of Ore have been mined and stored but nothing removed for sale partly because the Ore is of low grade and the Royalty very heavy, but chiefly because of lack of means for cheap, easy and quick transport over a long lead of 22 miles to the nearest Railway Station. All that Government are now realizing from me on these Blocks is only the land rent of about Rs.1200/- per annum.

(2) The market conditions of Manganese and Chrome are practically identical,

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identical, the price obtainable now at Mormugao for each being Rs.30/- per ton High Grade Ore and Rs.20/- per ton Low Grade Ore - so that for Assessment of Royalty both Ores should be treated alike and naturally Low Grade Ore should be assessed at a lower rate than the High Grade Ore.

(3) In the case of the Workington Steel Company who have been granted concession exactly similar to what I have applied for the Royalty has been fixed at annas Six per ton of Ore from fresh areas on which they may start work within their reserve radius., so that this rate should strictly speaking be applicable to me also.

(4) In the matter of the concessions I have applied for, I have offered a guaranteed sale of 20,000 tons per annum, but I may add that with facilities for quick and cheap transport I may safely and easily anticipate sales to the extent of three or four times as much, thus considerably enhancing the Royalty Revenue to Government.

2. Turning now to the question of what Royalty I am prepared to pay Government on the 20,000 tons per annum that I now guarantee, in return for the proposed concession, I wish to observe that with the high and varying rates of Royalty now prescribed on my Leases (as in (1) (a) and (b) above) it is difficult to command large sales of Ore. I would therefore beg Government to kindly reconsider those rates of Royalty and prescribe lower rates on all my Leases at annas Twelve per ton on High Grade Ore (over 45 Units) and annas Six per ton on Low Grade Ore (45 and below) and subject to these equitable rates

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rates I am prepared to guarantee to Government a Royalty of Rs.15,000/- per annum on the 20,000 tons of Ore guaranteed for sale. This guaranteed amount of Rs.15,000/- per annum is nearly three times as much as the Royalty I am now paying to Government on my Leases and is double of what the Workington Company are due to pay under their concession. But with the transport facilities and lower rates of Royalty.to suit low market values the actual amount payable as Royalty will I make bold to say be very much more.

3. The facts and figures I have quoted above are within the personal knowledge of the First Councillor Mr. K. R. Srinivasa Iyengar, during his inspection of my Mines and I earnestly hope they will appeal to Government in favour of my application.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

V. Manickavelu Mudaliar

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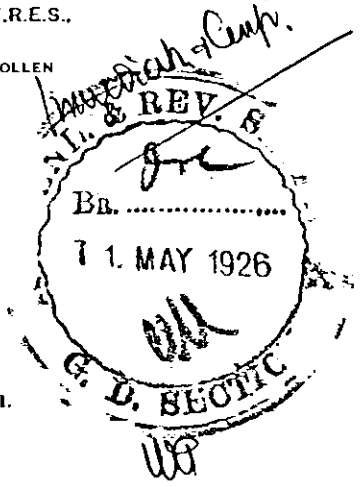

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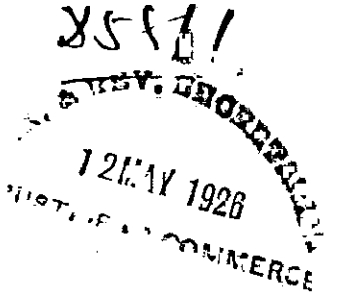

To
The Secretary to the Government
of H. H. The Maharaja of Mysore,
Revenue Department,
Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to my letter of yesterday about the Mining concessions I have applied for, I have the honour to state that by an oversight in the hurry of typing two items have come to be omitted in that letter viz.-

(1) that I shall undertake to complete the proposed Rail or Tramway within two years from the date of its sanction by Government.

and (2) that the minimum guaranteed Royalty of Rs.15,000/- per annum offered by me in para 2 of my letter of yesterday should take effect from the date the Rail or Tramway is certified to be fit for transport of Ore.

I have to request that these two points should be considered by Government along with my representation of yesterday.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

V. Manickavelu Mudaliar

Geol. 133-25-9

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Bangalore, 1st June 1926.

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To.

The Secreyary to the Government of H.H.
The Maharaja of Mysore.,
Revenue Department,
BANGALORE.

Sir,

With reference to the correspondence ending with my letter of 11th May 1926, I have the honour to state that I have since interviewed the 2Nd member of Council on the subject and I now request that my letter of 10th May 26, may be treated as cancelled.

In reply to your letter No.I.C.7633/Geol 133-25-6 dated 4th May 1926, I now beg to state that I am prepared to pay a royalty of Rs.15000/- on the mininmum quantity of 20,000 tons of Chrome to be sold in a year in the even of my being given a monopoly over the whole of the Chennarayapatna Taluk an permission to put up a 2 feet tramway line from the mines to Tiptur a dista of 22 miles. I request very early order as a large quantity of ore is awaiti transport.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Yours most obedient servant

Submitted for Perusal
2nd member
26.6.26